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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This question paper consists of **THREE (3) pages**.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in **Section A** and **B**.
3. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: ESSAY QUESTION [40 MARKS]

Instructions: Write an essay that discusses arguments both supporting and against the issue below. You should conclude your argument by stating your own specific position on the issue and how you reached that position. Your essay should **NOT** exceed 500 words.

On May 8, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) adopted a revision to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-11) that includes for the first time "gaming disorder." which is considered a form of addiction. "Gaming disorder" is based on a previous category called "gambling disorder" and the two are practically identical categories, with the word "gambling" switched to "gaming".

According to the new definition, gaming behavior becomes a disorder when it interferes with a gamer's other daily activities, relationships and school or work responsibilities for at least a year. Experts are split on whether such an addiction actually exists, but there is some evidence for it. The WHO decision has been criticized by the games industry and some experts since people's relationship to gaming is very similar to other internet or smartphone-based behavior and it should not be singled out as a disorder.

With this classification in place, would you consider gaming a positive activity for youth?

(40 marks)

SECTION B: SUBJECTIVE QUESTIONS [60 MARKS]

Instructions: Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

Question 1

Consider this list of 8 words:

head phones, whiteboard, respect, 8, Siamese cat, library, coffee maker, shopping bag

a. Write a descriptive, easy-to-visualise word association story that helps you memorise these words. **Underline** where these words (or their substitute words) appear in the story.

(12 marks)

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b. Describe briefly each of these memory concepts.
   i. chunking
   ii. procedural memory
   iii. semantic memory

(3 marks)

Question 2

Read the following passage and develop notes on it using the Cornell Note-taking System.

Shark finning is the gruesome practice of cutting off a live shark's fins and throwing the rest of the animal back into the sea, where it dies a slow and painful death. The fins are used in China and Hong Kong, and by Chinese communities elsewhere in the world, as the key ingredient in shark-fin soup. Shark-fin soup is a traditional Chinese dish dating back more than 1,000 years. Once a rare delicacy consumed only by the Chinese aristocracy, it played an important role as an indicator of social standing. The fibres take on a consistency similar to noodles, but they have virtually no taste or nutritional value.

In the past 20 years or so, the demand for shark-fin soup has rocketed. It is still associated with privilege and social rank – a bowl of soup can cost up to US$100 – but the explosive growth in the Chinese economy means that hundreds of millions of people can now afford this luxury. Many consider it necessary at important events. It is estimated that as many as 73 million sharks are killed for shark-fin soup every year – an indiscriminate slaughter that is pushing many species to the brink of extinction.

Many people fear sharks and do not care whether they survive or not. However, ecologically, as top predators their disappearance will disrupt entire ocean ecosystems. Economically, they are worth more alive than dead – in contrast to the short-lived profits of shark finning, shark diving has become a sustainable, multi-million pound business. Scientifically, medical researchers want to learn how shark wounds heal so quickly and how they seem to be resistant to cancer.

It is critical to reduce demand, by changing attitudes. There are encouraging signs that shark-fin soup consumption is declining and several dozen airlines and hotel chains have stopped serving it.

- *Adapted from* Carwardine, M. (n.d.). What is shark finning and why is it a problem? *Discover Wildlife.*

(15 marks)

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Question 3

When starting to read a new chapter in an academic textbook, Dahlia often has problems getting herself interested in the contents of the chapter. She also has trouble following the material as she will often find her mind wandering. At the end of the chapter, she finds that she has to read it all over again since she did not know what it is she should be focusing on.

Offer Dahlia **FIVE (5)** ways that she can apply in the short term to improve her reading and comprehension. Explain each method in detail and how it helps her.

(15 marks)

Question 4

As a new student in Multimedia University (MMU), David has been worrying about his final examinations as the weeks approach. He constantly wonders what MMU's examination venues are like and what the examination questions will be about. He finds himself constantly muttering highly negative thoughts to himself.

What are the various steps that David can take to help ensure he overcomes his problems and succeeds in his examinations? Elaborate briefly on each step.

(15 marks)

End of Paper